Baker receives raise, faculty wait

Amanda Retzer
MUSTANG DAILY

What would you do with $1 million? Buy a couple of houses on the beach in Hawaii? Or give a 4 percent raise to all of the 23 California State University system presidents and top staff officers?

The Board of Trustees approved a 4 percent salary increase during their meeting with the Committee on University and Faculty Personnel on Jan. 23 and 24.

However, with student fee increases on the rise and faculty-state bargaining still going on, many see the $7 million raise as untimely.

"When money is an issue, and they can't reach agreements with all the employee unions, the (raise) seem ill-timed at best," said Richard Serna, San Luis Obispo chapter president of the California Faculty Association.

Each president at the 23 CSU campuses receives a different wage, so each raise will be different. Cal Poly's Warren Baker currently holds the highest income of the CSU presidents. With his $115,500 raise, Baker will be earning $298,372, the second highest salary in the CSU system.

CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed ranks at the second lowest salary in the CSU system. He will receive a $14,000 increase, raising his salary to $250,125.

This facility, commonly known as "the spider building," for its sprawling hallways, will become the largest and most innovative building in the College of Math and Science, the California Museum of Science and Industry in Los Angeles.

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About a quarter blood drive yesterday on Mott Lawn hosted by the Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC).

CSU, USC, Arizona, Ohio State and Michigan. The reputable firm added California the California Museum of Science and Industry in Los Angeles.

Along with the new building, the College of Math and Science expects an increase in enrollment for students in the planning the building committee recently chose the architects. The current construction timetable sets Science Building, starting with the north end, at summer quarter 2008. Construction is projected to last all of 2009, and the predicted completion date is in 2010.

The Board of Trustees is working with the architects to see Building, page 2

The building committee is responsible for ensuring that the building meets the needs of the students who will use it.

The above designs are ideas for the new Science building, commonly known as "the spider building." The new, state-of-the-art facility would measure 146,000 square feet.
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below the average salary for a community college professor.
"Bargaining has been going on almost two years," said. 
"But they still find it absolutely necessary to get the highest paid people in the system to get their raises."

The bargaining includes the administration telling faculty that to increase their salaries, they must have a con­ sideration of merit, however, the executive raises don' t seem to follow that motto so closely.

"It was clearly just an across the board raise without a merit component to it," said. "There were increases without stipulations two years in a row."

CSU students are also facing financial troubles. Students for example are on the spot and divorced thiiii culture," Bailey said.

"While the executives are very deserving of the pay raises, the timing of the one's could be better," Associated Students Inc. President Todd Makisaid,"especially while we have big collective bargaining by faculty and the budget increasing student fees."

Saed said that the CFA doesn't support raising tuition because it is a hardship on students paying their way through college.

The wage increase is retrospective, so affected executives will be compensated for their work since June 2006.

In addition to these salaries, executives are also being compensated for housing and car expenses. President Baker currently receives $60,000 as a housing allowance and $4,000 per year for a car. His salary has increased by over $100,000 in the past 10 years.

Baker has been president of Cal Poly since 1979 and has won numerous awards, including the 2004 Chief Executive.

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create greater usable space within the building for studying and student-teacher interaction.

"As a younger student in the College of Math and Science, I was excited that this new building has the potential to be in my future here. A building like this could really affect someone interested in technology majors to choose this university," mathematics freshman Carl Darguzt said.

Despite its focus on the math and science curriculum, the administration plans to create opportunities for students of all majors to take greater education science classes in the center.

"We are looking to make the building interesting with art, and interactive displays. We want this to engage students' curiosity, we don't want it to be a cold and divorced from culture," Bailey said. "There are not as many students going into engineering disciplines that the U.S. economy depends on; we need to change that."

The extensive project will focus first on the actual math and science center, but there are other campus modifications in the works as well. The building commit­tee is also looking into creating an outdoor landscape in the area near the current south end of the science building, called Centennial Park.

The majority of funding for the project comes from the CSU system, which will provide $102 million. The department is also seeking $20 million in private donations for building enhancements. Another $6 million from private industry donations is being sought after to construct the Western Coatings Technology Center and the Environmental Building Leadership Institute, which will be designed to create student opportuni­ties in real-life research.

Building enhancements and preliminary design photos are available for stu­dent viewing on the Cal Poly Web site.

Cal Poly President Warren Baker will receive a 4 per­cent salary raise, an $11,500 increase.

Leadership Award from the Far West Region of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. He has been in charge of Cal Poly during a reign as one of the top public regional universities in the West by U.S. News and World Report, as well as being nationally named among the top public undergraduate programs for the College of Engineering.

In addition, Reed sent out a letter on Jan. 31 to all CSU employees touching upon state budget updates and bar­gaining issues. However, the raise in executive pay, an increase that gives him an extra $14,500 a year, was not mentioned.

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for granted," Ruef said. "You are the foreign person so you are a minori­ ty, and even though we are both Western cultures, they do things dif­ ferently. So you must adapt in the United States that you may have taken for granted before."

Students from all majors are wel­come to participate in the exchange program, which provides general education courses, and are advised to take German classes before joining the program, Ruef said.

"The international program office does not recommend fresh­ men go abroad," Ruef said. "We want them to establish themselves here at Cal Poly first and then go abroad, but anyone who is remotely interested in the program should come and talk to me."

"I like talking about Europe, and they can pick my brain and see if this might work for them. I think students like to get their toes in a water, so they aren't losing time, and the best way to make sure that what you do in Europe counts in school is to plan."

Cal Poly currently offers 100 pro­grams in 36 countries including China, South Korea, Germany, France, Japan, and Mexico, said Battenburg. Last year, 812 stu­dents studied abroad, and two years ago, Cal Poly was ranked fourth in the nation for the number of students to study abroad in a survey. "I just think it is very important for students to get a perspective about the world around them," Battenburg said. "That is what we want students to get from this experi­ence. Exchange programs can last for one quarter or a year. What we believe is that there is a study abroad program for every student."

Scholarships are available to stu­dents in order to help launch the program, Ruef said. "While studying abroad, students are only paying the Cal Poly tuition and can still receive their financial aid," Ruef said. "That way the costs are very predictable. We make up a budget for every student that goes so that they know what to expect."

For more information on the new international exchange pro­gram, students can contact Ruef at marufic@calpoly.edu or 756-6982.

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past years.

This quarter's blood drive was set up to give students an oppor­tunity to give back to the com­munity. "If you start while you're young, you're more likely to donate in later years," Patrick said. "Donate and they can complete­ly free."

SHAC tries to hold a blood drive once a quarter, along with fundraisers that will be starting later this year and will continue throughout the spring.

While they've raised funds for ALS in the past, this year SHAC will fundraise for the American Cancer Association.

"Last year we did a big ALS fundraiser where we did six differ­ent fundraisers and each group raised a certain amount of money," said Erin Senozan, bio­logical chemistry senior and vice­president of SHAC. "This year, we are doing the same thing for the American Cancer Society and fundraising will start within the next two weeks and will go until April."

Different groups within SHAC that are headed by board mem­bers will host activities every week in order to help launch the American Cancer Society. "You can donate and it's complet­ely free."

With the success of this quar­ter's kick-off blood drive, the club plans on having a bone marrow drive next quarter. "These are great ways to get our name out there and benefit the community," Senozan said.

SHAC's group of diverse undergraduate and graduate stu­dents wants to continue their commitment to Health Services and encourage anyone to get involved. "For more information contact the Health Services office at 756-1211.

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Climate plan presented to U.N.: mobilize, triple research dollars, set ‘ceiling’ on temperature

Charles J. Hanley
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UNIVERSITY COLLEGE — An international panel of scientists presented the United Nations with a sweeping, detailed plan on Tuesday to combat climate change — a challenge, it said, "to which civilization must rise."

Failure would produce a turbulent 21st century of weather extremes, spreading drought and disease, expanding oceans and displaced coastal populations, it said.

"The increasing numbers of environmental refugees as sea level rise and storm surges increase will be in the tens of millions," panel co-chair Russel Bierbaum, a University of Michigan ecologist, told reporters.

The 18-member group, representing 11 nations, offered scores of recommendations from pouring billions more dollars into research and development of cleaner energy sources, to mobilizing U.N. and other agencies to help affected people, to winning political agreement on a global temperature "ceiling."

Their 166-page report, produced at U.N. request and sponsored by the private United Nations Foundation and the Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, was issued just three weeks after the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), an authoritative U.N. network of 2,000 scientists, made head­lines with its latest assessment of climate science.

The IPCC expressed its greatest confidence yet that global warming is being caused largely by the accumulation of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases in the atmosphere, mostly from man's burning of coal, oil, and other fossil fuels. If nothing's done, it said, global

"This changeover would be spurred by heavy "carbon taxes" or "cap-and-trade" systems, whereby industries' emissions are capped by governments, and more efficient companies can sell unused allowances to less efficient ones."

Such schemes — already in use in Europe under the Kyoto Protocol climate pact — have been proposed in the U.S. Congress, but are opposed by the Bush administration, which rejects Kyoto.

Trans fat-free foods from Campus Dining

Sara Wright
CAMPUS DINING STAFF WRITER

It's true: few items offered by Campus Dining have trans fat.

Fryer oil used by Campus Dining restaurants is trans fat-free and has been for years.

Croissants and SLO Baked Muffins at Julian’s are free of trans fat.

All items from Tapango’s and Tapango’s Super are trans-fat-free as well.

As awareness of the health risks from consuming trans fats grows, it remains important to Campus Dining to serve trans-fat-free foods.

"We always try to serve what our customer wants, whether it's trans-fat-free, low-carb, or high-protein," said Alan Cushman, associate director of Campus Dining.

Croissants from Julian’s are trans-fat-free.

Some foods have small amounts of trans fats, such as meats and dairy products. However, such trans fats are produced naturally and are considered healthier than those created artificially from the partial hydrogenation of plant oils.

Authorities around the world have recommended trans fat appear in foods only in trace amounts. Items with less than half a gram of trans fat per serving are considered trans fat-free.

On July 11, 2003, the Food and Drug Administration issued a regulation requiring manufacturers to list trans fat on the Nutrition Facts panel of foods and some dietary supplements.

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SAN DIEGO (AP) — A human head and a hand found Tuesday along the shoulders of two busy San Diego freeways may belong to an unidentified body discovered floating in a river, police said.

A tow truck driver spotted a black plastic bag containing the head on southbound Interstate 5 around 6:30 a.m., San Diego police Lt. Kevin Rooney said. The left hand was found by a freeway maintenance worker less than two hours later about 10 miles north on southbound Route 163.

**RANCHO CUCAMONGA (AP) — A 41-year-old Redding man charged with molesting a 12-year-old girl told investigators the child was his girlfriend and he loved her, court records show.**

Kurt Andrew Hakimller drove from his home near 600 miles away for a Christmastime rendezvous with the Ontario girl, who met over a telephone chat line, police said in reports who he met over a telephone chat line, police said in reports.

Hakimller told police he originally thought she was 19, but he learned her age and told her he wanted to marry her, the documents showed.

National

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks had their worst day of trading since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks Tuesday, hurling the Dow Jones industrials down more than 400 points on a worldwide tide of concern that the U.S. and Chinese economies are stumbling and that share prices have become overinflated.

The steepness of the market's drop, as well as its global breadth, signaled a possible correction after a long period of stable and steadily rising stock markets that had not been shaken by such a volatile day of trading in several years.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A hail storm left hundreds of divots on space shuttle Atlantis' external fuel tank, and NASA managers weren't sure Tuesday if the damage was severe enough to postpone next month's launch.

The storm Monday evening passed over the launch pad where Atlantis was being prepared for a March 15 launch. The hail also hit protective tiles on the shuttle’s wing. NASA officials could make repairs to the external tank on the launch pad using an enormous crane, or they could move the space shuttle back into its Vehicle Assembly Building to fix the divots.

INTERNATIONAL

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — A suicide bomber attacked the entrance to the main U.S. military base in Afghanistan on Tuesday during a visit by Vice President Dick Cheney, killing up to 23 people and wounding 20. Cheney was unhurt in the attack, which was claimed by the Taliban and was the closest that militants have come to a top U.S. official visiting Afghanistan. At least one U.S. soldier, an American contractor and a South Korean soldier were among the dead, NATO said.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The International Criminal Court's prosecutor on Tuesday named a Sudanese government minister close to the president and a military leader as suspects in war crimes and crimes against humanity in the country's Darfur region.

The prosecution document — the first details released from the court's 21-month investigation — claimed to establish a clear link between the Sudanese authorities and the Janjaweed militias blamed for much of Darfur's bloodshed. Sudan immediately rejected the allegations and said it would not hand the men over for trial.

University campus shut down in Missouri after student claims to have bomb, anthrax

Jim Salter

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ROLLA, Mo. — A distraught graduate student claiming to have a bomb and anthrax sparked a scare early Tuesday that shut down the University of Missouri-Rolla for several hours, officials said.

Nearly two dozen people, including a faculty member and eight other students, were quarantined after a white, powdery substance was found.

School officials said "possible bomb materials" were also found when the man was taken into custody. Officials described him as a graduate student who was apparently depressed and upset about his grades.

The incident started around 2:30 a.m. in a civil engineering building on campus.

Acting Police Chief Mark Kearse said that when police arrived, the student held up a bag and said: "This is a bomb." He was armed with a knife and also claimed to have anthrax, Kearse said.

Police used a stun gun to subdue him. They also found a four-page note in which the student threatened to destroy the building, Kearse said.

“If we had to make an assessment right now, our assessment is that this is going to be a bogus or phony situation,” said Acting Police Chief Mark Kearse.

Still, a Fort Leonard Wood Explosive Operations Division team was investigating the possibility that a bomb could be in the building, and members of the Missouri National Guard were called to campus.

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Officials said no one who had been exposed to the substance had shown any symptoms.

“If it was anthrax they would have been displaying some symptoms,” said Ray Massey, ambulance director at Phelps County Regional Medical Center.

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Islamic hard-liners chip away at Indonesia's secular traditions

Robin McDowell
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JAKARTA, Indonesia — Women and children were not allowed on the street alone after dark in parts of Indonesia, long held up as a beacon of tolerant Islam. Gamblers are arrested as punishment, Christian schoolchildren are forced to wear headscarves and a proposed law would sentence thieves to amputation of the hands.

Though most people in the world's most populous Muslim nation practice a tolerant form of the faith, a small but determined group of conservatives are chipping away at the sprawling archipelago's secular traditions and trying to reshape it in the image of orthodox Middle Eastern countries.

And they are slowly gaining ground, in part, critics say, because President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, liberal Muslim leaders and society at large have stayed away from loud, public debate on the issue.

Aiding the conservatives is the high level of autonomy given to local and regional legislatures since ex-dictator Suharto's 32-year leadership came to an end in 1998 amid massive, pro-democracy street protests.

More than 50 legislative bodies — from westernmost Sumatra island to Sulawesi further east — have passed laws inspired by the Islamic legal code, or Sharia, to regulate moral behavior.

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The identity and nationality of the student were not released, though school spokesman Lance Fethy said he was an international student.

The man was decontaminated and taken to a hospital before local police detained him in a police station.

The 5,000-student technological and research university said classes were canceled for the day while officers investigated.

"We have no evidence that there's anything wrong in the building but we simply can't take a chance," Jenkins said. "We're taking a very cautious approach."

Many people remain silent for fear of being labeled unIslamic, analysts note. Others share concerns of conservatives about moral decay — pointing to girls in bikinis, Playboy magazines hawked on street corners — and offensives of alcohol on restaurant menus.

And the remainder do not care about the Islamic legislation or fail to see any danger from it.

"Many people think it's not worthwhile to go against this small, determined group," said Martin van Bruinessen, a longtime Indonesia watcher and the head of the Institute for the Study of Islam in the Modern World.

"They feel they are not directly affected by things taking place. When they discover they are, it may be too late." Lillis Lindawati, a 36-year-old waitress, is among those who found out the hard way.

She was waiting for a bus at 8 p.m. in Tangerang, a city on the outskirts of the Indonesian capital, when public order officers halted her in because she was alone on the street after dark, was not wearing a headscarf and had a tube of lipstick in her purse.

The judge, who heard Lindawati's case at a public trial in the town square last March, said that was enough to prove the mother of two was a prostitute. He sentenced her to three nights in prison.

"Everything changed after that," said Lindawati, who insists she is not a sex worker. "My neighbors started avoiding me. My husband's friends stopped coming around. When word got out that I intended to file a suit against the city, I started getting threats."

"Eventually I quit my job and we moved here," she said, forcing back tears as she pointed to her family's sparse, one-room house outside the city.

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"Look around you, existing criminal code have done nothing," said Awas, whose group is pushing to impose Sharia nationwide, a notion rejected since Indonesia's independence in 1945.

He insists the Islamic laws do not violate the constitution or Indonesia's state ideology Pancasila, which promotes multiculturalism and religious harmony.

Some religious leaders say rising anger over U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, seen by many here as attacks on their faith, have added to the legitimacy of hard-liners.

Radicals also are seizing on growing Islamization of society since Suharto's downfall. The former strongman saw the religion as a threat to his rule and marginalized Muslims, treating them, as former Prime Minister M. Nasir famously said, "like a cat with ringsworm."

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**BOOK REVIEW**

Kurt Vonnegut ‘A Man Without a Country’ in latest political book

By Emilie Egger

**A MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY**

Famed American author Kurt Vonnegut has a reputation for writing exceptionally polarizing books; his readers are either deeply pleased or completely angered with his literary output.

True to form, his latest book (his first since 1997), “A Man Without a Country”, proves to be as volatile as the rest of his work. Compiled as a series of essays, it touches on a variety of subjects that deal with Vonnegut’s views on humanity, politics and our country as it exists today.

Vonnegut’s renowned wit and sharp humor are ever-present throughout the 146 pages of his latest work. His writing, both funny and wise, is a delight to read. He creatively places drawings, diagrams, and personal quotes in at relevant times to set up his coming points and to keep things light.

Although the first chapter emphasizes the importance of humor in the dire situations, it is almost as if to set up the reader for the subsequent, more depressing chapters.

Not surprisingly, the dark side of the author that most have come to expect emerges soon after. From lamenting what he describes as the “psychopathic personalities” that he thinks have taken over our government, to berating our society for no longer appreciating “thinking people,” few are safe from his tirades.

And so, with the lighter elements of clever humor and original art, come Vonnegut’s trademark cynicism and piercing critiques of society. As always, he takes a substantial risk of offending some of his readers (namely those with a more conservative slant).

He takes stands against things like war, guns and the Bush administration, to name a few, and includes explosive statements, such as one that begs the comparison of our current president to one of the most arguably evil dictators in world history (“Our president was a Christian? So was Adolf Hitler.”)

The majority of the book deals with what Vonnegut thinks is wrong with America, rooted in what makes him feel he is indeed a “...man without a country.”

At times, Vonnegut comes across like an old curmudgeonly next-door neighbor, the one who frightens the cul-de-sac kids with his dramatic war stories and overlays them with his life experiences and advice.

Speaking of war stories, Vonnegut is up there with the best of them, his most famous novel, “Slaughterhouse Five,” told his account of surviving the Dresden bombings of World War II, in which 135,000 people died. It is widely thought that this experience has shaped much of his work.

He draws on personal experiences to place him in positions in a slightly annoying, but generally wise and credible way.

Simply put: if you didn’t like Vonnegut before, this book probably won’t change your mind. Conversely, if you’re a fan of his, you’re likely to, if not enjoy the book, at least appreciate it as the work of a respected author.

Plus, Vonnegut’s conversational style and indubitable intellect, combined with the aforementioned humor, make it more than bearable for those readers who welcome a good challenge to their personal conventions.

As strong as Vonnegut’s opinions are, he retains a certain humility that alludes to his awareness of the fact that this book is merely a compilation of his opinions, not necessarily the truth. As long as the readers keep this perspective, they are sure to accept the book for what it is, the long-awaited work of an American icon.

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**GUEST COMMENTARY**

Darfur media coverage could spark long-awaited United Nations action

Cyrille Villaflores

The Daily Argus (San Diego State U.)

I can barely wrap my head around the enormity of the Darfur genocide. I’ve had classes touch base on the subject, but after a couple of days of research, I know it wasn’t enough.

Googling “Darfur genocide” was a nightmare — all the images I saw were of dying children with deformities and their parents were missing limbs. This column won’t even do justice to explain what surrounds the deaths of 400,000 people, a number reported by the Coalition for International Justice.

This genocide story begins with a conflict in Sudan, Africa’s biggest country, and involves an aggressive militia group recruited from the tribes of the Abbala and Baggara known as the Janjaweed. The victims are the African tribal groups of Darfur, which include the Fur, Zaghawa and Masalit.

These tribal groups endure death, rape and starvation through destruction and displacement from their homes. Furthermore, the displaced villagers have no choice but to move to camps in eastern Chad.

These camps are no saving grace because even if families were lucky enough to live through the ravaging of their homes, they face malnutrition and disease. The camps are overcrowded, leaving occupants with poor sanitary conditions. The people are starving to death, and diarrhea and malaria have a higher chance of reaching them before adequate food rations do.

Some people still won’t call this genocide, even with these frightening circumstances. Even Amnesty International hasn’t directly called it genocide. This is because if it were called genocide, then nations such as the United States would have to answer to the articles of the 1948 U.N. Genocide Convention to prevent genocide — a contractual obligation of all signatories to the convention.

The word “genocide” brings to mind the Holocaust and Rwanda, which would have the nation instantly feeling sympathetic toward Darfur. We’d look like monsters if we ignored all these deaths, but the United States’ apathetic approach is hidden through a lack of media coverage and a downplay of Darfur’s severity.

As a nation, we’re so under-informed about the genocide in Darfur and when left alone to research, the information is so overwhelming that it’s difficult to process (who is to blame and why) and forget about it.

The question about America’s lack of involvement has been constantly raised, but not completely challenged because the African Union did claim it can stop the genocide in Darfur, saying it’d bring “an African solution to an African problem,” according to The New Republic.

This seems to be unlikely, because the Sudanese government see Darfur, page 8
Poly alumna to teach master jazz class

Tyler Wise
MUSTANG DAILY

Award-winning singer and Cal Poly alumna Inga Swearingen will give a vocal jazz master class from 11 a.m. to noon on Thursday, in room 218 of the Davidson Music Center.

Though Swearingen will not be performing, she will be present to host the open class that will feature the talents of several student vocalists. Accompanying the vocalists will be bassist Doug Lee, a civil engineering major, music minor and member of Cal Poly's University Jazz Band No. 1.

"For students who are interested in singing, this will be an open class and an introduction to solo vocal jazz, the basic stylistic requirements for singing jazz lyrics, and viewing vocalists as story-tellers," Swearingen said.

Describing herself as "homegrown" — a native resident of San Luis Obispo — Swearingen attended Cuesta Community College and earned a bachelor's degree in music from Cal Poly in 2002. In 2003, Swearingen left for Switzerland to study under award-winning Swiss/Dutch singer Susanne Abbuehl. Later that year, Swearingen became the first to win the Share Jazz Vocal Competition at the world-renowned Montreux Jazz Festival, receiving both the vote of the renowned Montreux Jazz Festival and the Prize of the Public.

"Inga has a gorgeous voice, very fresh and evocative and note-perfect," said Swearingen of her decision to move back to the Central Coast. "Plus, it's the perfect place to live in between Los Angeles and San Francisco where I perform."

Currently, Swearingen teaches vocal jazz classes at Cuesta College while hosting vocal workshops for Cal Poly music students on campus once a week.

In an effort to attract aspiring vocalists on campus, Swearingen has self-produced two albums — "Learning How to Fly" with Trio 14 and Linda Vanasupa (2003) and "Reverses" with The Bill Peterson Trio (2005). After Swearingen went on to earn a master's degree in choral conducting from Florida State University, she decided to move back to San Luis Obispo.

"I grew up here, my family is very close by and there is a beautiful place to live," said Swearingen of her decision to move back to the Central Coast. "Plus, it's the perfect place to live in between Los Angeles and San Francisco where I perform."

In addition to several award-winning performances, Swearingen has released a self-produced EP and numerous singles, including "Learning How to Fly," the title track from her first album. "Weeds" is at least adequate, verging occasionally on inspired. Fast-forward a year and a half to this year's Golden Globe Awards where the freshman stand-out managed to win the award for Best Actress in a Comedy Series for her role on Showtime's "Weeds." The show debuted in late 2005 to shining reviews, but stayed relatively off the radar.

"Weeds" focuses on a suburban mom who resorts to selling marijuana to support her family after her husband suddenly dies.

Dark comedy's popularity shooting up like 'Weeds'

Amy Asman
MUSTANG DAILY

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Boasting a stellar cast lead by industry veteran Mary-Louise Parker ("Fried Green Tomatoes"), Showtime's newest sitcom "Weeds" is at least adequate, verging occasionally on inspired.

The show debuted in late 2005 to shining reviews, but stayed relatively off the radar. In a television review written for New York Magazine, John Leonard said, "The best I can wish for is a vehicle worthy of Parker's prodigal talents — an 'Angels in America' rather than a 'Reckless,' a 'Proof' instead of a 'Saved!' By this standard, Showtime's new sitcom "Weeds" is at least adequate, verging occasionally on inspired.

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The show debuted in late 2005 to shining reviews, but stayed relatively off the radar.
Bob Woodruff, wife recount his journey back from injuries suffered in Iraq bomb attack

CHICAGO (AP) — The wife of former ABC news anchor Bob Woodruff says she wondered if she'd ever have her husband back after he suffered brain injuries in an Iraq roadside bomb attack last year.

"I didn't care about Bob the anchor. I didn't care about Bob the career person, and the Bob that was being flashed all over the TV. This is my husband, this is my kids' dad," Lee Woodruff said Tuesday on "The Oprah Winfrey Show."

"I just looked at (the doctor) and I said, 'I just want to know, will he still love me?'"

Bob Woodruff met with reporters in New York on Monday for the first time since being injured 13 months into his tenure as co-anchor of "World News Tonight."

The couple, who have four children, appeared on Winfrey's show to discuss their memoir, "In an Instant: A Family's Journey of Love and Healing," published by Random House.

Woodruff was riding in an Iraqi army tank in Taji, Iraq, his head and upper body exposed through the hatch on Jan. 29, 2006, when a roadside bomb tore off part of his skull.

Woodruff's head like a rugby ball."

"His brain was swollen out of his head like a rugby ball."

Lee Woodruff said that when she first saw her injured husband, in a hospital in Germany, he was in coma and doctors had removed part of his skull because his brain was swollen.

"The left side of his face looked like a monster, it looked like a Frankenstein experiment," she said.

Woodruff, who was injured about a month into his tenure as co-anchor of "World News Tonight."

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Lee Woodruff, whose husband was injured in the Iraq war, said she wondered if she'd ever have her husband back. She said she told her friend. "The worst thing that could happen is that we would lose Bob, and my kids would have us spreading ourselves thin."

We'd made the Iraq war so colossal that we don't have enough people to send to help in Darfur."

We'd be able to give it the attention it needs and we'd be abandoning Iraq before providing it with a proper foundation, a mess we started and should clean up."

The war in Iraq consumes us and because Britain reportedly might soon pull out its troops, we can't spare a soldier. Many would say that we would rush there if they had something we wanted, such as oil, but it's also logical to say anyone would take care of their main interests or objectives before taking on another mission."

We don't want two mistakes on our hands, and with the decreasing support for the war in Iraq, we're seeing good intentions that come out with negative results don't go over well with our nation.

Darfur is surrounded by unfortunate circumstances through a lack of media coverage, which leads to no one identifying with the severity of their situation.

Unfortunately, with the way things are going, everyone will eventually learn about this genocide when there's a chapter in our U.S. history books titled "The Darfur Genocide: What we see now and wish we saw then."

"Weeds" is a smart and biting comedy that dares its viewers to laugh at its patronizing perspective of upper-middle class America. Thrown into winning supporting performances from Elizabeth Perkins and Kevin Nealon, a smug, snubbing of "tasty, magic" treats and the show's obvious self-deprecating humor, and television audiences have definitely found themselves a cure for the crappy programming blues.

"Weed" airs Monday at 10 p.m. on Showtime.
Be careful which flag you desecrate

**The Right Way**

Brian Eller

POLITICAL COLUMN

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

More important things happen than the Oscars

I am writing in and out of the Academy Awards. I couldn’t help but question why it still exam. More importantly, I couldn’t understand the immense amount of concern surrounding it. Is it truly necessary to have hours of “Red Carpet Countdown”? Is it truly necessary to hear the word “Museco” come out of Jennifer Lopez’s mouth when asked about her gown? It’s not like the view­ ers could not see it铺设 and purchase it tomorrow.

What have these people done to “deserve” our undivided attention, as well as money? Hollywood takes in $40 BILLION a year, yet we have little to show for it except the stacks of gossip rags at the checkout lane.

I’m not saying movies don’t hold some intrinsic value, but it is right to have romantic comedies week after week, essentially all with the same premise, make enough money to support some third world countries? Doesn’t get my vote, I go to the movies to be entertained. It’s great to escape in film for a few hours but there is a definite point at which the adoration of comic movies ends.

When “American Idol” gets twice as many viewers as the State of the Union Address on the same night, well, I think it’s time we reorganize our priorities. It’s time to drop People and pick up the Times, and read about what’s going on in the real world.

Conner Johnston
architectural engineering student

**ASI QUEST COLUMN**

If you have been a Cal Poly student for more than a year, you are probably familiar with the annual Associated Students Inc. elec­ tion. It is that time right after Open House when campus is plastered with staked signs, posters and độmes of people who have a desire to become involved in the management of ASI and to somehow make the lives of students a bit better.

In past years, the ASI elec­ tions have been a two-day process of students expressing their preferences in student rep­ resentation with the standard Scammon ballot. This year, ASI has the op­ portunity to make a substantial change to a campus standard. Over the past several months, the ASI Board of Directors has researched options that will greatly reduce the paper use, overall cost and time to vote in the next election. However, in order to move ahead with such an immense change, the board needs your input.

Throughout today and tomorrow, ASI is hosting a poll to test how well this system works and its ease of use.

To gather some information that is actually interesting, the poll will ask students to rank possible US presidential can­ didates for the 2008 election in order of preference from one to three. The new, fully electronic poll will allow instant results and students can vote only on their Cal Poly Portal user name and password — no need for the Polycard. If this test is successful, ASI will use a similar polling system in all future elec­ tions.

The most important part of this discussion is how much we can help. All you need to do is go to either the Robert E. Kennedy Library or the University Union Plaza between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. today or tomorrow. Voting in the test poll takes place through the Cal Poly Portal. The “Rock the e-Vote” links, under the Cal Poly Announcements on the main page, takes you to the test poll.

The results of the poll will be used for two purposes. First, ASI would like to know whether this system fits Cal Poly and works properly. The second is to provide unofficial political feedback for the Mustang Daily, which can prove useful in future articles about the 2008 presidential election.

The most important ques­ tion on this poll is “Should ASI use an electronic polling system in the upcoming ASI election?” We are already convinced that this system has merit through its many benefits like reduced paper use, reduced cost and reduced time to vote. However, we can’t make such a large change without student input.

Please help us gauge whether or not we should make this change to campus elections and give us your input today and tomorrow.

Jared Sanmartin is an MRA gradu­ ate student and ASI Chair of the Board.

**LETTERS**

I need a cat with a parsley or Amy’s going

**EDITORIAL**

Politics are on the horizon.

**OPTIONS**

It appears as seen in the land of free speech, then in colleges are seen as the fore­ goers of important, heated, controversial and bizarre speech. One of the greatest things about this is that on paper, they are designed to protect free speech in nearly all forms. For instance, most states have post­ fliers of direct quotes from the Quran that show what some radical Muslims take literally. For example, Surah 9:29: “Fight those who believe not in Allah nor the Last Day, nor hold that which has been forbidden by Allah and His Messenger, nor acknowledge the religion of Truth, (even if they are) of the People of the Book, until they pay the Jizya with willing submission, and feel themselves subdued.” (Translation by Abdullah Yusuf Ali)

Even if someone were to stomp on a Hezbollah or Hamas flag in the University Union, I know that Cal Poly would respect their right to do so. Or would they? Certainly, if someone were to desec­ rate an American flag (burn, stomping, stomping on a swastika, and feel themselves subordinated. This symbolic action, which is similar to someone stomping on a swastika, which is similar to holding the word “Marechesa” firmly upheld by the Supreme Court.

However, desecrating a Hezbollah or Hamas flag, which incidentally has Allah’s name on it, is obviously different. It’s not like those organizations are special. Sure, Hamas and Hezbollah are both listed as terrorist organizations by the United States and have con­ tracted the destruction of the Israeli state. And yes, Hamas deliberately attacks Israeli civilians with suicide bombers and has a charter to states, “There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through Jihad.” Certainly by burning these flags, someone would bring “aware­ ness” (a word that all collegians love) to the terrible destructiveness of these organizations. Of course, doing this might “spark” certain feelings in our country, url, those who support terrorists, dislike Israeli­ ans or love that a obnoxious distorted flavor of democracy. While no one has stepped on, burned, or desecrated a Hamas or Hezbollah flag in our University Union, several students stepped on them at San Francisco State as part of a demonstration. These activities, all purely by the College Republicans, were holding an anti­terrorism rally when they desec­ rated the flags.

This action violates the First Amendment and has been specifically upheld by the Supreme Court.

We are already convinced that this poll is important, heated, controversial and crucial. We hope you will take this poll seriously and give us your input. Please help us gauge whether or not we should make this change to campus elections.

**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

**EDITORIAL**

I need a cat with a parsley or Amy’s going
**Golden State crushed at Milwaukee, 122-101**

MILWAUKEE — Michael Redd scored 31 points, including six 3-pointers, to lead the Milwaukee Bucks to a 122-101 victory over the Golden State Warriors on Tuesday night.

Charlie Bell added 20 points, Mo Williams had 16 and a season-high 13 assists. Ruben Patterson added 19 points and Andrew Bogut had 13 and 14 rebounds to help Milwaukee win consecutive games for the first time since its six-game winning streak in December.

The Bucks are just 5-22 since the beginning of January, but finally snapped a season-high seven-game skid with a 109-90 victory over Philadelphia on Saturday.

Monta Ellis and Al Harrington added 15 points each. Richardson, who recently returned from a 22-game absence with a broken bone in his right hand, had 12 points, seven assists and eight rebounds.

The Bucks took control by outscoring Golden State 21-7 in the third quarter, sparked by three 3s from Redd and two from Bell.

Milwaukee led 91-68 going into the fourth quarter and the Warriors never challenged after that.

**Basketball continued from page 12**

“Super Bowl week is always very memorable,” Madden said. “Once football season starts, his job entails being back into a tie for second place in the Big West standings has had much to do with several players returning from early-season injuries. The team got off to a 5-12 start that included a seven-game losing streak, but has since rocketed into a position in which it can finish no lower than fourth.”

“I’ve been great,” Eggleston said of the eight-game winning streak. “We weren’t doing so well at the beginning. Everyone’s been working really hard since then. We’ve had people come back from injuries, everyone’s playing well with each other. I’d attribute it to us. We have more people who can fill in more areas. They’re doing it well. Everyone’s playing their role.”

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- Associated Press
- Wednesday, February 28, 2007

- Mug and Shaun Livingston will
- start next year.”
- Madden said.
- His acceptance speech, Madden
- notes that as he looks back on his
- “coaching career, I think of my fami-
- ly.”
- Madden said. “I don’t think that
- experience but also gave me the edu-
- cation all the way through.”

- “It’s probably the most serious
- thing sports, watching the World
- Series, Sunday Night Football,
- Monday Night Football.”

- “I mean you are what you are!”
- Madden said.

- “We have more people who can
- fill in more areas. They’re doing it
- well. Everyone’s playing their role.”

- “We definitely felt we were better than
- them. Once we were healthy, we’re
- a pretty good squad.”

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- first round, earning the first-round bye. “We
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Bakersfield — Cal Poly finished 12th among 16 teams competing in the Cal State Bakersfield Poor Boy Golf Invitational, which completed a two-day, 54-hole run Tuesday at the Seven Oaks Country Club.

Coach Scott Cartwright sent his second team to the tournament in an effort to find a No. 5 golfer for future events this spring.

Perhaps clinching that spot on the first team was Mike O'Brien, who finished tied for seventh place with a four-under-par 212 total. He carded rounds of 72, 70 and 70.

Chris Kirk and Peter Morse both finished with four-over-par 220 totals, tied for 24th place. Kirk notched rounds of 70, 72 and 78 and Morse checked in with rounds of 75, 75 and 72.

Also scoring for Cal Poly were Bobby Nyberg, tied for 61st place with a 78 Tuesday and a 228 total; Marshall Dick, tied for 83rd with rounds of 73, 71 and 85 for a 229 total; and Lee Baca, who finished 12th among 16 teams at the Cal Poly men’s invitational

Cal Poly will compete in the Callaway Golf Collegiate Invitational, scheduled for March 5 to 6 at The Farms Golf Club in Rancho Santa Fe.

Daniel Triani

In transit across picture-book America, you won’t find him traveling by American Airlines or Amtrak.

John Madden explained that some 30 years ago, when he was in his early 20s, at a football in his life, he went to college — which ended up being Cal Poly — influencing his now famous life.

When we spoke, he was in Tennessee traveling to Carolina for, surprisingly enough, a football game. He recalled what he said: “I was a great college player.”

Madden speaks with his blue-collar attitude in his regular booming, larger than life, plans no shortage of emphasis added, familiar voice.

Strange, at first, to be talking to a live icon, often heard bellowingly from coming via television or video game. What did a sport idol, known for both coaching and color commentary, go through while at Cal Poly? The usual, of course.

College choice is based on varying motions. Madden “lived in the Bay Area, over in the peninsula in Redwood City” and remembered that Cal Poly “was away from home but it wasn’t that far away from home, a good distance, good school, with a good football program.” He said he “wanted to go to a place, you know, that wasn’t a long way away I wanted to stay in California because I knew I was going to be a coach, and I wanted to graduate from a California school so that I could go into coaching in California.”

Already passionate about his future plan, he wouldn’t have presumed what a promising pillar of paramount prosperity would charge on, without fumble, with time.

The fundamentals of college: an apprentice for trit-trip from Firestone Grill, enthusiasm for dancing at “the Grad.”

And premium promising on Huey Way Street. Favorite hangout places are a fundamental part of college life. However, Firestone Grill and The Graduate, not around decades ago, and Hathaway was much more barren.

Madden said that his favorite places have “probably all changed.” Something he can all relate to, he “didn’t have a lot of money anyways,” neither did he “have a car.” In such a predicament, Madden “kind of stayed pretty close” being “in the dorms.”

When asked which dorm exactly he stayed in, Madden said “dorms, right next to the campus, to go walk kind of the dorms and the football field — the dorm was right across the street from the football field, so it was kind of the dorms, the football field and the cafeteria.”

Later, he asked whether dual dorms are still around, me strangely replying “no,” giving him the pleasure of a cheeky chuckle, emphasizing his point of how different the school is now.

Since Madden’s years of attending the Cal Poly campus have ended, these days the majority of his time is dedicated to traveling across the country to interpret his witty, often humorous and knowledgeable, word on NBC’s Sunday Night Football.

Traveling on the esteemed “Madden Curse,” he has experienced many memories while crisscrossing the United States.

Why is it OK to fight on the ice, but not the court?

Frank Straniz

Imagine Mike Tyson on a pair of ice skates and wearing a San Jose Sharks jersey. Seems out of the ordinary, doesn’t it?

Picture Tyson sliding over so genteelly to the face off circle. He’s buckets of enthusiasm for dancing at “the ey-like grill, a dentist’s nightmare. The puck drops to the ice and Tyson, rather than waving his stick at the puck, flings his gloves off and starts throwing haymakers.

Forget that Tyson is probably not the best skater and quite possibly has never touched a hockey stick. He might stumble around the rink a bit, but when a fight erupts, you’re going to be glad you iron Mike is on your team.

Maybe hockey is the next frontier for Tyson. Whether he decides to make a career change or not, the fights will rage on in the NHL. Take last Thursday’s battle royal between the Buffalo Sabres and Ottawa Senators.

In case you missed it, a Chris Neil elbow leveled Buffalo’s Chris Drury to kick off the events. Immediately after the hit, Drew Stafford came to his fallen teammate’s defense and starting throwing punches at Neil. Neil and Stafford received major penalties, five minutes in the box, but the hit on Drury was ruled clean.

In response, the Sabres’ coach sent in a team of known tough guys with instructions to “Go out and run ’em.” Before the puck was dropped to start play again, the Senators’ Dany Heatley pushed Buffalo’s Patrick Kaleta, making it clear fight was coming.

The puck got slapped around the ice a bit, but the players weren’t after the puck. The fight was on. Everyone on the ice stepped into the fray. Even the.bmp, even handily grabbing faces, met each other out of their nets and joined the fisticuffs.

Poly men’s golf squad 12th among 16 teams at invitational

The Mustangs were led by Tristan Aird; and promised partying on “Grad,” and

Madden reflects on his days at Cal Poly

If Cal Poly wins its final two regular-season games, it will have clinched its first winning season since 1991-92.

Tristan Aird

The Cal Poly women’s basketball team begins practice at 6:30 a.m., but that’s only when the whole team arrives.

Typically, one player — senior forward Jessica Eggleston — is already in Mott Gym a half-hour beforehand, shooting jump shots to warm up before practice starts.

“She’s there at midnight, getting extra shots in,” Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh said Monday. “There’s not a lot of college students that have that kind of dedication to their game. It’s paying off for her and it’s paying off for our team.”

Indeed, Eggleston has led the charge of the Mustangs’ eight-game winning streak, the team’s longest since the 1981-82 season. She has done so to the tune of two straight double-doubles to become the first player from any school since 1998 to win back-to-back Big West Conference Player of the Week awards.

Eggleston leads Cal Poly’s 3.3 (13-12, 8-4 Big West) in points (13.9) and rebounds (8.0) per game, assist (7) and is second in both steals (50) and blocked shots (50). When asked at Monday’s weekly athletics department press conference if there was anything she can’t do, but we won’t the opposition that. She’s just playing remarkable basketball. To see her evolution in the game and her self-confidence, it’s her hard work paying off.

As the team’s elected captain, Eggleston said arriving early is just one aspect of leadership. The majority of her early workouts are dedicated the perimeter shooting.

Cal Poly senior forward Jessica Eggleston (left) drives to the hoop during the Mustangs’ 75-64 Senior Day win over Big West Conference foe Cal State Fullerton last Saturday in Mott Gym.

Cal Poly alum John Madden celebrates his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame last year.